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## **MAN INDICTED FOR MAKING A THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on August 18, 2006, **TROY E. STAFFORD**, age 37, of 771 Kaskaskia Street, Menard, Illinois, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in East St. Louis, Illinois in a one count indictment charging him with Making a Threat Against the President, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 871. The violation took place between January 1, 2006 and March 7, 2006 in Randolph County, Illinois.

**TROY E. STAFFORD** has been indicted for knowingly and willfully depositing for conveyance in the mail one or more letters containing a threat to take the life of and to inflict bodily harm upon the President of the United States. The indictment alleges that **TROY E. STAFFORD** wrote "If you were to find a bullet waiting for you once you looked out of the white house how would that feel while you were looking out your window. Do you know what Nitrometheane, Tovax, cannon fuses, a few barrels, a spool of shock tube and Ammonium Nitrate Fertilizer will do. . . Well do you Mr-President. Well Id say not till its used on you or yours. This is your first and last warning from me and the National Socialist Movement of Freedom. So bombs away you're a coward bastard." (sic)

An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The offense carries with it not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of \$250,000.00, or both and three years of supervised release.

Information for the indictment was obtained in an investigation conducted by Agent Derek Davis with Secret Service. The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Hudson.